

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me.*

*I took his hand when I heard him call*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day*

*to laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*Tasks undone must stay that way.*

*I found that peace at close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void*

*then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*ah, yes, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I've savored much,*

*good friends, good times,*

*a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your hearts and share with me*

*God wanted me now:*

*He set me free.*

# WAYNE ANDREW BRAATEN

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## Born

July 18, 1961 | North Wood, North Dakota

## Passed Away

November 1, 2024 | Fargo, North Dakota

## Age

63 Years | 3 Months | 14 Days

## Memorial Service

11 AM | Thursday, November 7, 2024

Vertin-Munson Funeral Home

Wahpeton, North Dakota

## Officiant

Colette Barton

## Music

"Amazing Grace" | "On Eagles Wings"

"The Dance" by Garth Brooks

## Honorary Urn Bearers

Grandchildren - Mason Pescion and Rylee Pescion  
and Wayne's Friends from ComDel

## Interment

Fairview Cemetery | Wahpeton, North Dakota

**Wayne** was born on July 18, 1961, in Northwood, ND to Andrew and Betty (Schol) Braaten. He was raised in Northwood with two sisters and one brother. Wayne graduated from Northwood High School in 1979. He moved to Wahpeton to attend college at NDSSS and graduated with a degree in Business Management. On August 28, 1982, he married the love of his life, Carrie Larson, in Northwood, ND. Wayne and Carrie made their home in Wahpeton and they had one daughter.

Wayne retired from ComDel (previously 3M and Imation) after a 34-year career as a master molding operator. Wayne was a hard and dedicated worker, even while he was undergoing cancer treatments. He enjoyed watching sports, traveling with his wife, playing slots at area casinos but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his two grandchildren, Mason and Rylee. His grandchildren affectionally called him "Boppa" and he made sure they always had a sweet treat or two. He also enjoyed spoiling his grand dog, Scooby.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Carrie; daughter, Staci (Brent) Pescion; two grandchildren Mason Pescion (9), Rylee Pescion(6); sister, Marion DeMoss; niece, Angela (Joe) Kolling; and other nieces and nephews.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Betty; his sister, Dawn; his brother, Dale; and his great-niece, Morgan Kolling.

The family would like to thank the staff at CHI Home Health, Breckenridge and Sanford Hospice House, Fargo for their kind and compassionate care.

